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Dear Sir Robert Falconer.

I want an m.a. hood for Sunday. You have them for convocation hrts you mail me one Friday and I will return it on Monday.

If I gave a private dinner informally on Saturday night for Sir Robert Borden would you come down & preach a sermon in Stewarton Pres. Church (connected by my mother and myself) & preach one sermon we have a "corker" of a preacher now the Rev W Megaw. Every Sunday night people are turned away - the collection has doubled and the annual meeting this last week voted him $600 extra that is $3000 a year. He is very popular at weddings and he makes a lot on the side & then he makes money out of lectures so he has struck oil

I graduated in 1867 the year of confederation I would like to know how many of the old fellows are living. I know of a great many who died by whiskey - they were the highest chaps - thanking you in advance and awaiting your reply & the hood by return mail

Yours very truly W. Leod Stewart

Jan. 1918

January 25th, 1918

McLeod Stewart, Esq.,

288 Frank Street,

Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Mr. Prebner is sending you an M.A. hood by this afternoon's mail, which I hope will reach you in time. As it is our only official hood you might let us have it back early next week.

I never preach except the first sermon to the students of the University at the opening of the year. I have had to make it a rule not to do anything of the kind.

I will ask Mr. Prebner to find out how many of the 1867 graduates are still alive. Hoping that the hood will reach you in good time, and with kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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My dear Sir Robert.

Your letter of the 25th inst was not received till Monday morning the 28th and the hood did not arrive till last mail on Monday evening. There have been terrible blizzards in Eastern Ontario & Quebec. All the mails have been 8 or 10 hours & the address was given on Sunday was postponed. Can I keep the hood for a few days longer. The thermometer registered 26 below Zero & three of my coils were frozen & had to get a plumber at midnight otherwise we would have been flooded out.

I hope soon to receive from Mr Brebner the No of graduates in 1867 & how many are dead - I doubt if there are more than five alive and whiskey was the cause of the death of a number of them. If the bear did not bring else it has killed the liquor. I used to drink myself but I "cut it out" sixteen years ago.

Do you ever have popular lectures to the students and their friends in the Convocation Hall. I have never been near the Hall since I got my M.A. degree in 1870.

at the time of the fire took place was the Convocation Hall destroyed and the stained glass we put up to the heroes who died at Ridgeway at the time of the Fenian Raid.

Are you going to come down to any of the skating parties at Goodhouse on Saturday afternoons in February

Wishing you a prosperous and happy New Year

I remain

Yours very truly

W. Leod Stewart

P. S. Have you read Harold Begbie's book on Earl Grey. It is a message to the Citizens of the British Empire I have read it - a friend of mine sent it out. It is 180 pages and almost fascinating and inspiring Book and should be in the University Library